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SUBJECT: U.S. OIL COMPANY DISCUSSES EXPLORATIONWITH GOG

1. ARTICLE IN AUGUST 31 CHRONICLE NEWSPAPER REVEALS THAT TWO OFFICIALS (UNNAMED) OF U.S. - BASED KEWANEE OIL COMPANY SPENT THREE DAYS IN GUYANA DISCUSSING OIL EXPLORATION WITH GOG. ARTICLE STATES BOTH SIDES HOPE TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT PERMITTING KEWANEE TO OPERATE IN GUYANA WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

2. SAME ARTICLE STATES THAT GOG WILL SET UP SPECIAL PETROLEUMUNIT TO WORK "IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES" TO DEAL WITH ALL OIL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS IN GUYANA. SENIOR MINISTRY ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICIAL EXPECTED TO HEAD NEW UNIT.

3. EMBASSY WAS UNAWARE OF PRESENCE OF KEWANEE OFFICIALS, WHO DID NOT CHECK IN WITH ANY EMBOFFS. THERE IS NO DRILLING OR OIL EXPLORATION WORK CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS IN GUYANA. THE SHELL AND WEST GERMAN DEMINEX OFF-SHORE DRILLING DRILLING PROGRAMS ENDED WITH DRY HOLES A FEW MONTHS AGO.

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